Sending Indian Workers to Foreign Countries

796. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the asnswer to Unstared Question 849 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of private firms have started a business of sending Indian skilled and unskilled workers to foreign countries and mining lot of money by sponsoring them and if so, the details of such companies in Delhi and Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that large number of persons have been cheated by these firms ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No private firms are permitted to send Indian skilled and unskilled workers to foreign countries unless they are registered with the Ministry of Labour and also follow certain procedures laid down for this purpose. Details of such Recruiting Agents of Delhi and Bombay registered with Ministry of Labour is being compiled and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) During 1994 till date, 24 complaints of cheating have been received against recruiting agents of Delhi and Bombay.

Declaration of Agricultural Labour Policy

797 SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are interested in declaring the Agricultural Labour Policy soon;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the said policy; and

(c) if not, whether Government are seriously thinking to introduce any such policy in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The Government aims to improve the Living and working conditions of agricultural workers through an improvement of infrastructural facilities; diversification into non-farm activities, increasing employment opportunities through schemes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP); Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY); Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) etc. and by better implementation of the existing labour legislations including the Minimum Wages Act, the Contract Lbour (R & A) Act, 1970, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen's Act, the Equal Remuneration Act, the Workmen's Compensation Act, etc. in their application to agricultural labour. The 8th plan is also laying considerable stress on creation of employment opportunities in the farm and non-farm sectors in rural areas.

In addition, a legislation to regulate the employment, conditions of service and welfare is also being finalised.

Workers Ingaged in organised sector in Gujarat

798. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers engaged in organised sector in the state of Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have agreed to provide funds for the welfare measures undertaken by the State Government for those workers during 1994-95;

(c) if so, the details of those schemes which have been implemented alongwith the assistance provided therefor; and

(d) the schemes which are awaiting Central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to the Population Census 1991 figures, the main workers in Gujarat were 14 09 Million. The Population Census figures do not indicate separate break up of workers in the organised sector. However, according to Pocket Book of Labour Statistics (1994) brought out by Labour Bureau, Shimla, the estimated average daily number of workers employed in factories in Gujarat in 1991 was 761,000.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

सुपर बाजार में ठेका मजदूर प्रणाली

799. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सुपर बाजार नयी दिल्ली में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में ठेका मजदूर श्रमिक प्रणाली के अंतर्गत श्रम कार्य अब भी किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार के पास ठेकेदारों के नियंत्रण के अंतर्गत कार्य कर रहे उन श्रमिकों को शिक्षित करने और उन से सीधा काम लिये जाने संबंधी कोई योजना है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Unemployed Graduate registered with employment fxchanges in Gujarat.

800. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed graduate registered with the various Employment Exchanges in the State of Gujarat as on date;

(b) the number of persons provided employment through the Employment Exchange during each of the last two years and so far during the year 1994-95;

(c) whether the State Government is providing unemployment allowances to the unemployed persons who are registered with the Employment Exchanges; and

(d) if so, the details of the amount paid during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABO UR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Total number of graduates registered with the various Employment Exchanges in Gujarat State as on 30-9-1994 was 70,730.

(b) The number of persons provided employment through the Employment Exchanges in Gujarat during the year 1992-93, 1993-94